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TAGS: EAGR ETRD ELAB NL  
SUBJECT: PORT OF ROTTERDAM WAGE TALKS

REF: THE HAGUE 6711

1. FOLLOWING FAILURE OF TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS ON 1977  
WAGES REPORTED REFTEL SECTORAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS  
AND LABOR ARE GETTING UNDERWAY. IN PORT OF ROTTERDAM TALKS  
ARE SCHEDULED DEC 23 AND AGAIN ON JAN 4. BOTH SIDES ARE  
HEADING INTO TALKS WITH FIRM POSITIONS, BUT MOST EMBASSY  
AND CONGEN SOURCES FEEL THAT COMPROMISES CAN BE REACHED  
WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE STRIKE IN PORT.

2. HOWEVER, SOURCES IN DUTCH GRAIN TRADE HAVE EXPRESSED  
CONCERN TO AGATTACHES THAT A DEADLOCK COULD LEAD TO SHUTDOWN  
OF ROTTERDAM'S LARGEST GRAIN ELEVATOR GEM AND POSSIBLY  
ONE IN ROTTERDAM'S EUROPORT AREA. GRAIN TRADE WHILE OUT-  
WARDLY SHOWING CALM IS NATURALLY APPREHENSIVE. IN-COUNTRY  
STORAGE OF GRAINS AT END-USERS' FACILITIES IS AT BEST  
MEAGER. LARGEST COOPERATIVE, FOR INSTANCE, CONFIDENTIALLY  
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REPORTS THAT THEIR NORMAL STORAGE CAPABILITY IS ENOUGH  
FOR TWO TO TWO AND ONE-HALF WEEKS OF COMPOUND FEED MILLING.  
THIS COULD BE STRETCHED TO SLIGHTLY OVER THREE WEEKS. IN  
EVENT OF STRIKE, POSSIBLE ALTERNATE SUPPLY ROUTE WOULD BE TO  
DISCHARGE SOME GRAINS AT ANTWERP AND BARGE THEM TO INLAND  
MILLING FACILITIES. QUANTITIES HOWEVER WOULD BE EXTREMELY

LIMITED DUE TO LACK OF SURPLUS CAPACITY AT ANTWERP.

3. DUTCH GRAIN TRADE SOURCES WERE ANXIOUS NOT RPT NOT  
PUBLICIZE ABOVE SINCE IT COULD PREJUDICE THE DELICATE  
LOCAL SITUATION. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONTINUE PROTECT  
THE CONFIDENTIALITY WITH WHICH THE GRAIN TRADE HAS KEPT US  
ABREAST OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

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